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In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

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For: INTEGRAL POST SLEEVE AND SIGN

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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OLD WOODWARD AVENUE,

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace current claim 1 with the following:

1. (Twice Amended) A combined stanchion cover and signage system, comprising:

an elongated sleeve having a closed top and an open bottom defining a length, enabling the sleeve to be placed over a post or stanchion to be covered; and

a message-bearing panel integrally formed with the sleeve using a molding process, the message-bearing panel extending above the closed top of the sleeve, the panel having a height which is substantially less than the length of the sleeve.

Cancel claim 6.

Please replace current claim 7 with the following:

7. (Twice Amended) The combined stanchion cover and signage system of claim 1, wherein the message-bearing panel is in the form of a decal included during the same molding process.

Please replace current claim 8 with the following: